

Community Building Team Meeting

Monday, April 12, 2021 – 6:30pm

Zoom

MINUTES

In Attendance: Craig Skone, Tom Dietsche, Cathy Plessner, Alexa Golemo, Meggie Royer, Dave Gries, Kensey Lipstreuer

Introductions/Additions or Deletions to Agenda

- None

Approval of January 2021 Meeting Minutes

- The January 2021 minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Ramsey County Master Gardeners Update

- Ramsey County Master Gardeners looking for somewhere to put a garden plot (about 10 square feet maximum). If doing more than one site, would involve about six plants per site.
- Garden will likely be planted in August just south of the Edgcumbe Rec Center building along Griggs Street. The other potential location is the grassy area north of tennis courts.
- Garden would likely exclusively include pollinator friendly plants.
- Tom or Cathy will reach out to Amy Gage at St. Thomas to inquire about placing a garden plot at the St. Thomas parking lot across from Davanni's.

Mac-Grove Community Clean Up: Saturday, April 24th from 9:00-11:30am

- Currently eight volunteers signed up. Goal of fifty.
- CBT will continue to spread the word.
- Need four site captains for Edgcumbe Rec Center, Groveland Rec Center, Summit Ave, and River Trail. Craig will do Edgcumbe.
- Posting flyers on billboards at coffee shops in Highland Park and Mac-Groveland.
- Increase renter outreach - Cathy will send out information to more landlords.
- Brian will be in charge of trash pickup; Craig will be in charge of recycling.
- Participants will bring their own water. Supplying first aid kits, masks, bags, gloves, sharpies.
- Participants will tell us if they find needles or broken glass. Could also use milk jugs.

Environmental Sub-Team Update

- Met on April 16th. Reviewed survey results; about 130 responses at that point.
- Brainstormed the April 24th cleanup and have not yet determined a 2021 initiative.
- Next meeting will be sometime during next 90 days.

MGCC Programs & Activities and Outreach Survey

- Most respondents familiar with MGCC due to Alley Garden Awards, organics initiatives, Mac-Grove Fest, and Neighborhood Garage Sale.
- Probably will not do puck decorating contest again.
- Not as much respondent knowledge of Frost Fest as we would like.
- Will emphasize to community members that webinars are available for watching on website.
- Many people interested in attending events on Mac-Grove history, book clubs (already have copies of Read Brave books), garden clubs, making first aid kits, etc.
- Mapping Prejudice and MGCC will schedule a community presentation in late summer.
- Community most interested in doing community cleanup, park cleanup days, ward-wide pedestrian day, rain garden installation, and bike to get takeout program.
- Will start an email chain over the next couple weeks to brainstorm new and current initiatives based on survey results.

Upcoming Events & Programs

- Alley Garden Awards July 15th-22nd
 - Alexa working on doing judge outreach.
 - Will need assembly crew to make flags. Craig will contact current list in May.
 - Currently have 15-20 volunteers.
- Native Garden Awards
- Mac-Groveland Garage Sale August 28th from 8am-3pm
 - People pay a fee to participate and receive a yard sign in return. Then a map is created of all the community locations and items available.
 - Want to figure out how to increase renter participation.
- Summer/Fall Plant Share
 - Spring plant share likely will not happen. Fall plant share will be held at Mac-Grove Fest.
- Mac-Grove Fest September 11th at Edgcumbe Rec Center

Potential Events & Programs

- 2021 National Night Out August 3rd.
 - Tie in Block Ambassadors - discuss this at May 4th meeting.
- Block Ambassador Program, next meeting May 4th.
 - Focus on crime.
 - Snowplow coordinators are our ticket for communications/contacts.
- Mini Grants Program
 - Put \$1000 in budget for community engagement.
 - Might move some money from Mac-Grove Fest funding to Mini Grants Program.

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Minutes submitted by Meggie Royer
4/12/2021